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which he is a mere practitioner and not a lawyer; whilst to the older member of the profession we do not know a work as likely to furnish entertainment as well as knowledge.

The Fixed Law of Patents, as established by the Supreme Court of the United States and the Nine Circuit Courts of Appeals—by William Macomber, counsel in patent causes. Boston. Little, Brown, and Company. 1909. Price \$7.50.

“Questions of Patent Law,” as the author says in his preface, “which are both simple and settled, arise from time to time in general practice.” The author has endeavored, and we think with great success, to put the answers to those questions between the thumb and finger of the busy lawyer. This he has done in an orderly, clear and concise manner and he has prefaced the work with an original treatise on the fixed law of patents in which he has surveyed the law, so that the opinions which he quotes in the book itself have the benefit of an opinion frankly and fearlessly expressed. We are particularly struck with the author’s method of stating cases and wish that our courts and reporters would follow his methods. Instead of setting out the full and complete name—say, for instance, the *City of Knoxville v. The African Development, Mining & Transportation Company*, the author cites the case as “*Knoxville v. Africa*.”

To those interested or actively engaged in the practice of patent law we should think the book would prove simply invaluable.